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HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN NEW BERN

(For the necessary research in connection with this subject we are indebted to Miss Gertrude Carraway of New Bern, local historian, and Past National President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution.)

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MEMORIAL TABLET ERECTED

The period of the industrial depression was a difficult time for the lodge. However, Worshipful Master Willis and other officers labored earnestly to hold the interest of the members and attract new members to the organization. The sum of $5. was donated to Craven Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, for the organization of a Rainbow Division for girls.

L. W. Hartsell was elected the next Worshipful Master, in December, 1932, Mr. Willis having served several months longer than the usual year's term, in order to have officers elected thereafter during the last month of the calendar year rather than during June. Carl F. Bunting and W. C. Fulford were named Wardens; J. Ebro Boswell was reelected Treasurer; and Albert L. Hibbard was made Secretary. They were installed December 28, with J. C. Barker as Senior Deacon and Thomas McGinn as Tiler.

A district meeting was held April 4, 1933. District Deputy Grand Master J. E. English made a talk at the meeting here on April 12.

The sum of $250, was presented to the lodge that June by Mrs. Bertha Sloan of Boston, as provided in the will of her husband, the late Dr. Earl S. Sloan, manufacturer of Sloan's Liniment, who had resided near New Bern for sometime. In turning over the sum to the lodge, officers stated it was to be used in the care of children of indigent members. The Secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Mrs. Sloan. A trust fund was set up with the money. Another $250. was received from Mrs. Sloan in 1934 and added to the fund.

Mr. Bunting was elected Master of the lodge in December, 1923. Past Master Purser became Senior Warden, and Elisha H. Bunting, brother of the new Master and a new lodge member, was elected Junior Warden. Messrs. Boswell and Hibbard were retained in their respective posts. Dr. Charles B. Johnson and L. R. Orringer were appointed Deacons; L. R. Tucker and Thomas O. Moore, Stewards; and Mr. McGinn, Tiler.

Caleb Davis Bradham, who served three terms as Lodge Master, died in February, the funeral being held here February 20. He had filled with distinction almost every chair in the Scottish and York Bodies of Masonry, attaining the 32nd degree of Scottish Rite and acting as Grand Commander in the York Rite. He had served as Provincial Grand Master of the Order of Colonial Masters of North Omerica, Recorder of Sudan Shrine Temple, Eminent Commander of St. John's Commandery, and Master Kadosh of Carolina Consistory N. 3. He was originator and manufacturer of Pepsi-Cola, and served as president of the Pepsi-Cola manufacturing company here as well as president of the Bradham Drug Company and the Peoples Bank. The funeral was held from the First Presbyterian Church, of which he was long an active member. Masonic rites were administered at the graveside in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Pallbearers were from St. John's Lodge,

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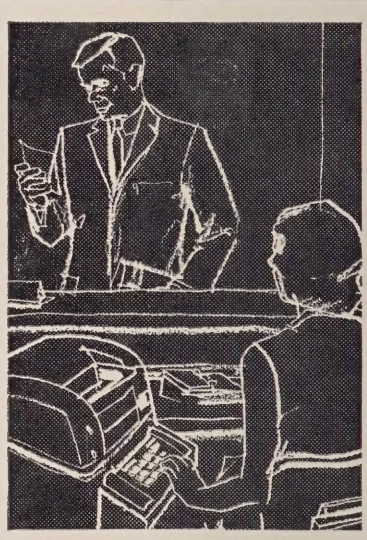

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SECRETARY'S PAGE

C. A. SEIFERT, 33°

Real enthusiasm is building up throughout our jurisdiction for the Fall Reunion which will take place on November 13th, 14th and 15th; at which time the beautiful and meaningful Scottish Rite degrees will be exemplified. At the closing Banquet of the Reunion to be held at six P. M. on Thursday, November 15th, the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies will honor our Class Lecturer and Assistant Secretary, that distinguished 33° Mason and Past Grand Master, Brother Robert Lee Pugh. It is agreed by all who know Brother Pugh that he is one of the most outstanding Masons in our state. We are sure that all Scottish Rite Masons will want to attend this Reunion and share in honoring our beloved Brother Pugh at the closing Banquet.

Let us have the largest class of candidates ever! let's all try to break the record for we know a large class makes for a wonderful and successful Reunion. This is possible if we will put forth an individual effort to secure one or more candidates for this great event. Please do your bit and if you need assistance get some other Brother to help you. Two can sometimes get better results than one. Please do your bit. You will find a petition in the August-September issue of the BAGPIPE, and if you need more I will be glad to send them to you.

Our Consistory has many activities planned for this Fall. The dates for these events will be in the next issue of the BAGPIPE. I am making every effort to build up interest in this great event and I hope every member who can possibly do so will be present to make the Fall Reunion the grandest Reunion we have ever had. Thank you.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Secretary

Bagpipe Skirls

Dear Brethren,

The old windbag has been on vacation. He hasn't hit a lick since we did a live performance in May. You got it as a rerun in the June-July issue of the BAGPIPE. He's so rested and lively that he doesn't have a serious thought. I've told him he can have his fun for the first part of the program and then he can just give with something of a more serious nature because he knows that with every performance we intend to use some little number that is worth remembering. So —on with the show.

Eenie: "They had to shoot poor old Fido last week."

Meenie: "Was he mad?"

Eenie: "Well, he wasn't any too pleased."

"Well," said the missionary to his colleague, speaking from inside the cannibal's pot, "at least this will be their first taste of religion."

Little Girl Cannibal: "Mommy, is that airplane up there good to eat?"

Mama Cannibal: "Just like a lobster, dear, only what's inside."

"That's enough out of you," said the surgeon, as he sewed up his patient.

Nat: "Won't your wife hit the ceiling when you go home this late?"

Mat: "I hope so—last time she put a bullet through my hat."

The curiosity of two small boys was aroused when they noticed many people visiting a New York art museum, so they followed them. While gazing around the museum at the many exhibits, they stopped and viewed a picture which seemed to them as though a painter had slapped his brush every which way. One of the boys was overheard saying in a whisper to the other, "Come on, let's get out of here before someone thinks we did it."

Pilot to Tower: "Out of gas 300 miles over the Atlantic. What shall I do?"

Tower to Pilot: "Repeat after me—'Our Father, Who art in Heaven'."

They laughed at Watt, too, until he invented the Watt Schmacallit.

Sweet Little Girl: "Mommy, Mommy, the boy next door broke my dolly!"

Mommy: "Why that's terrible, dear. How did he do it?"

Little Girl: "I hit him over the head with it."

Sometimes we talk about a problem so much, and grow so fond of the talk, that we'd hate to see the problem solved.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY—Teach the young people how to think, not just what to think!

Reputation is what men and women think of us; character is what God and the angels know of us.

WORDS OF WISDOM—Man has one tongue and two ears which should be proof enough that he was intended to listen twice as much as he talks.

TAKE TIME FOR TEN THINGS

TAKE TIME TO WORK—
it is the price of success.
TAKE TIME TO THINK—
it is the source of power.
TAKE TIME TO PLAY—
it is the secret of youth.
TAKE TIME TO READ—
it is the fountain of knowledge.
TAKE TIME TO WORSHIP—
it is the highway of reverence.
TAKE TIME TO ENJOY FRIENDS—
it is the source of happiness.
TAKE TIME TO LOVE—
it is the one sacrament of life.
TAKE TIME TO DREAM—
it hitches the soul to the stars.
TAKE TIME TO LAUGH—
it is the singing that helps life's load.
TAKE TIME TO PRAY—
it helps bring God nearer, and washes the dust of the earth from your eyes.

Vacation time is about over, Brethren. Time to get ready for school, Scottish Rite Reunion, and Christmas.

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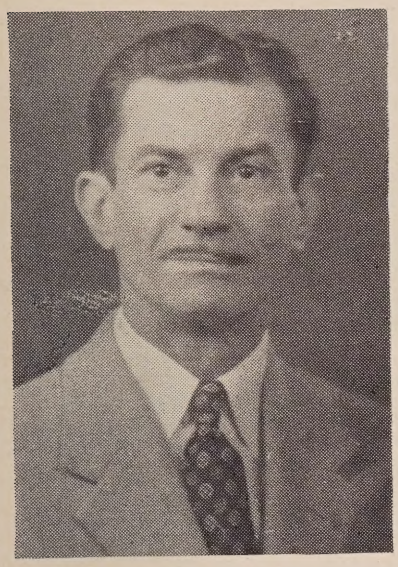

The New Bern Consistory received a distinct shock and a tragic loss when the sad news quickly spread that we had lost one of our members who had been notable for his faithfulness and his loyalty. Lawrence E. Lancaster, 32°, K.C.C.H., of Vanceboro, was better known to us as "Shorty." By this name he was cheerfully received wherever he went. He was popular with the brethren, for he had an excellent personality. Actually, he was one of our most outstanding members, and he filled a distinct place in his membership. His was a place that cannot easily be filled, and in his passing we find ourselves truly conscious of the loss we have sustained.

Shorty Lancaster was born in Vanceboro, December 9, 1905, and was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Vanceboro Lodge No. 433. Not long after that he was made a Thirty-Second Degree Scottish Rite Mason, or Master of the Royal Secret. This was on November 14, 1940, and Shorty began immediately to take part in the degrees and to express his interest in the work of the Consistory in many other ways. He was a faithful member of the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies, as he was faithful in all of the other Masonic and attendant organizations in which he had membership. His regular and punctual attendance at the meetings was the result of his keen interest in things Masonic. Fellowship with the brethren was one of the things he enjoyed most, and he never lost an opportunity to fraternize. In the dramatization of the degrees during the Reunions, Shorty could always be found ready to do whatever he was requested. Replacing him in the several degrees in which he took such an active part, will be a difficult matter indeed.

The Court of Honor for some years had been impressed with the service that he was rendering, and the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in North Carolina in 1959 recommended that Brother Lancaster be designated worthy of the Investiture of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. The Supreme Council accepted this nomination, and the honor was conferred upon Brother Lancaster November 12, 1959.

Shorty had not been ill for long. At the time he was stricken, he was brought quickly to the Craven County Hospital, and he had been showing a rather steady improvement. In fact, hope was beginning to spring anew for his recovery. The fatal attack, however, came upon him on June 17, 1962, and he passed away.

His was not a long life as years go, but in another deeper and finer sense, he lived a full and rich life, the influence of which will be felt for years to come. He and his wife, Sarah, were faithful companions and usually attended our fraternal functions together. To her we extend our deepest sympathy, assuring her and the others in his family that we shall continue to hold high the ideals that he cherished.

The first Masonic Book in America was published by Bro. Benjamin Franklin in 1734. It was an edition of "Anderson's Constitutions."

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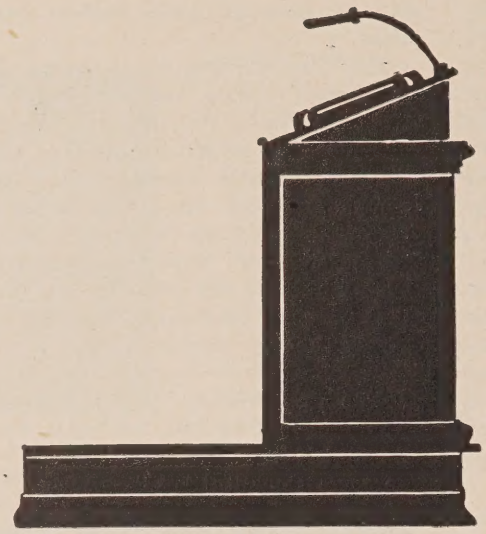

From The Classroom

BY R. L. PUGH, 33°, CLASS LECTURER

The fall season is now approaching and you are receiving the first issue of the Bagpipe for this new year. Most of us have been somewhat idle during the summer months, from the standpoint of Masonic activities, and we are now beginning to think in terms of our activities for the coming year. Naturally we look forward to the fall reunion and we are beginning to make our plans to have the very best reunion we have ever had. To have such a reunion depends, of course, upon the interest manifested throughout the jurisdiction. If that interest is properly activated there will be sufficient number of candidates to show that the brethren have worked diligently for the best reunion yet.

No doubt every Lodge, whether it be Scottish Rite, the York Rite, or the Blue Lodge is confronted with problems of attendance. Frequently the question is asked, "What can I do to make my Lodge more attractive and more interesting, what can I do to increase attendance at my Lodge"? This question has been asked by many a Master Mason throughout the state of North Carolina. It is a problem that the Grand Lodge is now wrestling with and efforts are being exerted to the end that a greater interest shall be stimulated all over the State. Plans are being made to this end. Recently I ran across some very interesting and suggestive plans, which had been adopted from the North Dakota Grand Lodge Bulletin and were reprinted in the official publication of the Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. of Missouri, entitled "Of A Free Nation." I think it worthwhile to reprint this plan in its entirety in the hope that it will stimulate some interest throughout our Consistory area. It follows.

WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE MY LODGE A BETTER LODGE?

CARE OF LODGE HALL, FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

1. Keep it clean.
2. Make it a credit to your town.
3. Look upon your Lodge as you would your Home or your Church.

—Attend Lodge Regularly—

OPERATION OF LODGE

1. Know your work.
2. Know where you're going . . .PLAN YOUR MEETINGS.
3. Keep the Lodge work moving.
4. Start meetings on time.
5. Close on time.

—Attend Lodge Regularly—

BE GOOD NEIGHBORS

1. Appoint greeters . . . but insist that every member work at it too.
2. Accord visitors proper courtesy and make them truly welcome.
3. Invite neighboring Lodge to special affairs.
4. Visit other Lodges.

—Attend Lodge Regularly—

DEVELOP SOCIAL LIFE IN LODGE

1. Include family groups.
2. Use special programmes:
   (a) Ladies' Nights.
   (b) Past Masters' Night.
   (c) Special Groups' Nights: Teachers, farmers, etc.
   (d) Empire Night.
   (e) Anniversaries.

PLAN . . . PLAN . . . PLAN

1. Special occasions.
2. Attendance at District meetings and Grand Lodge.
3. A program of education or entertainment for every meeting.
4. Entrust duties to committees.
5. Set your Lodge to work.

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PLAN . . . PLAN . . . PLAN

1. Have a Lodge budget and a Finance committee that really works.
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PLAN . . . PLAN . . . PLAN

1. Call on sick and bereaved.
2. Advise city Lodges re your members in city hospitals.
3. Name committee to obtain proper attendance at funerals and for special Lodge occasions.
4. Conduct funerals with decorum.

—Attend Lodge Regularly—

PLAN . . . PLAN . . . PLAN

1. Be proficient in Work.
2. Organize Study Clubs.
3. Fully instruct candidates.
4. Conduct business meetings with precision avoiding lost time.
5. Distribute Work so that other officers may have a part in the conduct of the Lodge.

—Attend Lodge Regularly—

PLAN . . . PLAN . . . PLAN

1. Know your members.
2. Know your Grand Lodge Officers.

A WELL INFORMED MASON IS A BETTER MASON

IMPROVE YOURSELF IN MASONRY SUPPORT THE OFFICERS

BE PROUD OF YOUR LODGE

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PAUL J. WETHERINGTON, 32 , K.C.C.H.

Death came to Paul J. Wetherington at Craven County Hospital in New Bern North Carolina, August 1, 1962, following a long period of illness. Thus reads the first sentence that tells the story of the passing of one of Masonry's finest servants. Paul had been sick for some time; just prior to our last Reunion, he had undergone a very serious operation in which a portion of his lung was removed, and Paul himself had made the comment that he thought err long everything would be all right. Such was not to be the case, however, for the Supreme Architect of the Universe had other plans, for the execution of which he needed personalities who were faithful and loyal above all things. And thus, in order that He might continue with the prosecution of those plans He called Paul to his heavenly home.

Surely, if anyone were to be asked to name the outstanding characteristic, the one bright star that outshone all the others, the greatest virtue in the life of a man who possessed many virtues, he would almost be compelled to say that Paul Wetherington's faithfulness to his obligations was the most brilliant chapter in his life. Paul was faithful, constant, dependable, loyal, devoted, and reliable. In fact, it can be easily said that he embodied a large number of the virtues that we prize so highly. He was always at his post of duty, carrying on efficiently, quietly, and cheerfully. During every meeting, all the necessary details for which he had accepted any degree of responsibility were faithfully discharged.

Paul was responsible for the successful operation of the Robing Room. Months before the Reunion he always assured himself that all the robing properties were in good condition and ready for use. When the time came for the degree to be presented, all robes were ready for the members of the cast; and, after their use, they were quickly returned to their place. This in itself was a ritual with Paul, and he always attended to each little detail to increase efficiency in the Robing Room. Hence, he contributed greatly to the success of the Reunion.

Paul was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Doric Lodge No. 568. He received the Scottish Rite Degrees and became a Thirty-Second Degree Mason, or Master of the Royal Secret, on April 26, 1945. He began immediately to work and made himself so almost indispensable that the Scottish Rite recognized his ability and achievement. It proclaimed to the Masonic world on October 20, 1953, that Paul's services to the Bodies had been of such a helpful and beneficial nature, and thus had contributed so much to the welfare of the Bodies that he was to be invested with the rank and dignity of the Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. Paul was grateful for that recognition; it meant much to him. Even better than that, however, is the opinion of the brethren when with one accord they rise up and declare that it was an honor that he richly deserved. Such was the esteem of his fellow Masons.

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IT'S REUNION TIME AGAIN

Do you remember the thoughts which filled your mind when you had just completed your Degrees in the Scottish Rite? The enthusiasm for the principles of Freemasonry you then possessed and the resolves you then made?

Possibly never before in your life were you so moved as you were when you stepped forth a Mason of the Royal Secret.

How you were thrilled at the magnitude of the work you had undertaken; at the examples of self-sacrifice you had witnessed; at the wonderful system of instruction which had been unfolded unto you!

How you resolved that you would do your part to carry on the great work of Scottish Rite Masonry, and help make the world a better place to live for those who were to come after you!

With the Fall Reunion before us it is time to take stock as to how these promises have been fulfilled. Do we possess a part of the enthusiasm and desire to serve humanity? Have we done anything with the superior knowledge we possess? Have we been the means of inspiring others to make the journey in search of Masonic Light that was so fully shed on us?

Reunion Time! A period of introspection as well as renewal of our inspiration for the cause of Scottish Rite Masonry.

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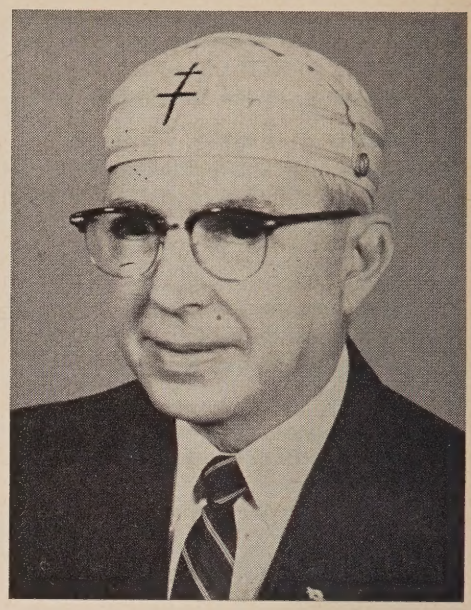

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM SCOTTISH RITE REUNION

NOVEMBER 13, 14, 15

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REUNION ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, November 13, 1962

10:00 A.M.— 4°—Secret Master. Charles T. Potter, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by J. E. Lewis, Nat M. Baxter, Stacey T. Lupton, H. L. Lundy.

10:45 A.M.— 5°—Perfect Master. Ben F. Gillikin, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by E. H. Bunting, J. G. McDaniel, Albert Gianotti, L. T. Barrington, D. Elmo Jones, J. E. Blaylock, Paul V. Vogan, Andrew Murphy, Ira Stephens, W. R. Stanley.

11:45 A.M.— 6°—Confidential Secretary. Charles R. Gray, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Chas. P. Gaskins, W. J. Rogers, Paul Jewett.

12:15 P.M.— 7°—Provost and Judge. W. I. Gause, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by L. Guy Matthis, J. G. McDaniel, Paul Vogan, R. L. Pugh, Nat Baxter.

1:00 P.M. —Luncheon.

2:15 P.M.— 8°—Intendant of Building. Earl Noe 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Neal Windley, Al Conway, Cooper Chadwick Jr., Leonard Daniels, Tommie Avery.

3:00 P.M.— 9°—Elu of Nine. W. C. Moore, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by H. J. Carpenter, L. Guy Matthis, C. D. Lancaster, Tom Brown, B. F. Gillikin, H. J. MacDonald, H. W. Gillikin, Roy McKeithan, L. T. Barrington, C. T. Potter.

4:00 P.M.—10°—Elu of Fifteen. Jather McLawhorn, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by E. P. Blair, Neil Vester, Miller Bassnight, J. L. Ashley, A. F. Wood.

4:45 P.M.—11°—Elu of Twelve. Charles H. Whedbee, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by J. W. H. Roberts, Paul Jewett, Clyde Stubbs, Owen Lemmon, Bernice Branch.

12°—Communicated.

5:45 P.M.—13°—Royal Arch of Solomon. E. P. Blair, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Richard H. Lucas, Jack G. White, Raymond Leggett.

PROGRAM SCOTTISH RITE REUNION (Cont.)

6:30 P.M. —Dinner.

7:30 P.M.—14°—Perfect Elu. Louis N. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by B. F. Gillikin, O. H. Lemmon, William L. Flowers, James E. Blaylock, M. L. Barfield, Andrew Murphy, Howard B. Constant, W. R. Stanley

Wednesday, November 14, 1962

9-15 A.M.—15°—Knight of the East. C. A. Seifert, 33°—G. C. Langston, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by A. T. Willis, Jr., Raymond Legett, John A. Johnson, R. L. Pugh, C. Wallace Jackson, N. M. Baxter

16°—Communicated.

11:15 A.M.—17°—Knight of the East and West. Charles T. Midyette, Jr., 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Ashley G. Leggett, Ebbie Gaylord, A. B. Hardison, Harry L. Mann and A. A. Kafer, Jr.

12:00 M. —Luncheon.

1:15 P.M.—18°—Knight of Rose Croix. Edward C. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Owen H. Lemmon, R. L. Pugh, Albert Gianotti, Albert T. Willis, Jr.

19°—Communicated.

3:30 P.M.—20°—Master of Symbolic Lodge. Thomas G. Slate, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Warren H. Coolidge, D. L. McRainey, Quincy J. Scarborough, William C. Hammond, Jr., R. V. McBryde, William S. Oliver, Alex Arab, William L. Ramsey.

4:45 P.M.—21°—Noachite or Prussian Knight. John G. Ormsby, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Tom Brown, R. L. Pugh, C. A. Seifert, Paul V. Vogan, W. H. Scott, Cecil Harmon, W. L. Adams, L. T. Gillikin, Guy C. Langston.

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5:30 P.M.—26°—Prince of Mercey, Reynold S. Davenport, 32° K.C.C.H., Master of Degree, Assisted by E. W. Williams, J. C. Vail, G. E. Roberts, W. A. S. Aman, H. G. Alberti, G. C. Faville, Jr., W. F. Thomason, Louie J. Smith, and Joseph S. Lane.

6:30 P.M. —Dinner.

7:30 P.M.—27°—Knight Commander of the Temple. L. Guy Matthis, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Neil Vester, J. D. Reese, A. N. Heath, W. H. Purser, E. P. Blair, Oscar Sermons, W. R. Newell, R. B. Gerock, A. T. Willis, Jr., Raymond Leggett, Lloyd Gillikin.

28°—Communicated.

8:45 P.M.—29°—Scottish Knight of St. Andrew. Francis W. Clark, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Robert F. Spence, Clinton E. Bunch, Clifton E. White, Samuel A. McPherson, Jr., Frazier L. Miller, Walter T. Kirby, Wilborne M. Smith, John A. Sawyer, Ray Piasecki, Clyde Garrett, Irvin Weatherly, Tom Brown, W. T. Hawkins.

Thursday, November 15, 1962

9:30 A.M.—30°—Knight Kadosh.

1st Apartment: Walter Kirby, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master; Assisted by Francis W. Clark.

2nd Apartment: S. A. Griffin, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master; Assisted by Herman Barnes, Marvin Evans. Omitted this reunion.

3rd Apartment: T. Bruce Boyette, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master; Assisted by Paul Bailey, S. L. Jenkins, Jr., Wilson Scottish Rite Club.

4th Apartment: Alonzo Honeycutt, 32°, Master; Assisted by Carl Aycock.

11:30 A.M. —Class Banquet.

1:30 P.M.—31°—Inspector Inquisitor. E. W. Paul. Sr.. 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Francis W. Clark, C. Wallace Jackson, Lambert Morris, B. F. Gillikin, A. N. Heath, Charles R. Gray, O. H. Lemmon, Albert Gianotti, L. T. Barrington, Chas. T. Potter, V. J. Spivey and Warren H. Coolidge.

3:30 P.M.—32°—Master of Royal Secret. Bruce H. Johnson, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Leslie L. Parker, E. P. Blair, Walter Kirby, Robert F. Spence, Frank G. Almond, Wallace Jackson, Nelson Banks, T. Bruce Boyette, Francis W. Clark, Edward C. Howard, R. L. Pugh, George G. Smith, Albert T. Willis, Jr., L. T. Gillikin, Harvey W. Smith, Chas. R. Gray, C. E. Bunch, W. M. Smith, A. C. Walters, H. F. Griffin, O. H. Lemmon, W. L. Bundy.

6:00 P.M. —Banquet closing Reunion. At which time Brother Robert L. Pugh, 33° and Past Grand Master of Grand Lodge of North Carolina will be honored for his outstanding service to New Bern Consistory # 3.

PERQUIMANS COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

Hertford, N. C.

We have recently held our meeting and accomplished three things:

First, the annual election of officers in our Scottish Rite Club. The same officers were re-elected for another year, and encouraged to work harder to accomplish more for the Scottish Rite;

Secondly, the name of the club was changed from the Hertford Scottish Rite Club to the Perquimans County Scottish Rite Club, since the majority of the members live in Perquimans County and outside of Hertford, and the new name would give all the members due and proper recognition.

Thirdly, the club voted to give a cook-out charcoal steak dinner to Brother Charlie and the other brethren from New Bern who may come with him, on Monday night, October 1st., at the Hertford Recreation Center. This will be a social, recreational and round-up meeting for promotional purposes, and we will pick up the tab.

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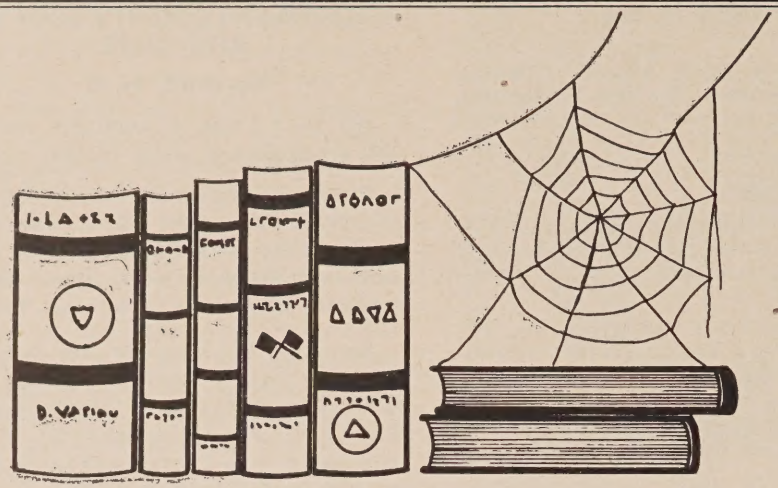

TEMPLE TOMES

In the Ancient East the cities were walled to protect the citizens from invading hordes, wild beasts that roamed the fields and from marauding brigands who plied the caravan routes for booty of spices, gems and precious metals.

To each walled city there were openings, or gates through which freely came the commerce of nations, the business of cities and the pagentry of kings, Kalifs and Potentates and Freemasons. These were fortified gates, and as night came on they were closed, secured, fortified and guarded lest danger overcome a sleeping city.

We might cite Jerusalem as an example of a walled and fortified city, because we are more familiar with it through our studies than any other city within the same historical span. Jerusalem had many gates, each of which had a name. For instance the Jaffa gate, the Damascus gate, Stephen's gate and Zion gate; These being the most important. There were others, the Golden gate, Herod's gate and the Dung gate, none of these last three being in use at this time.

The gates of cities always had an open space near them which was used for judicial proceedings, public assemblies, and a place of general resort. A city was usually considered captured when the invading force came into possession of the city gates.

Within these city gates and not in the market place the wise men were wont to gather, and they drew unto themselves the young men of promise who were seeking after wisdom. It was here that the ancient beginnings (or history) were passed on verbally to men of a younger generation. It is reckoned that there was nothing of history and wisdom written between the times of Adam and Moses. It was Moses who wrote the first five books of our bible, remembering the teachings of the wise patriarchs who taught him these things.

Wisdom is a variable. Something which seems foolish can be wisdom to a wise man. Montaigne said that a man must become wise at his own expense. Our bible says that the price of wisdom is above rubies. Wordsworth said that Wisdom sits with children round her knees. It has been said that wisdom is to the mind what health is to the body; And a man's wisdom is his best friend—folly his worst enemy. We guess there have been many things said about wisdom, but it all seems so far away. If it has any meaning to us, (we who read this page), it must be brought closer to us than a TV screen. If it means anything to us we must be willing to pay for it, in our national medium of exchange, or with a part of our allotted time.

If a man is to become wise at his own expense, lets see what it is going to cost him. First, it will cost him his Sunday newspaper. We once knew a writer who called the Sunday newspaper the "National Narcotic", and it is, if it stands in the way of the wisdom we are seeking, and for which wisdom we are willing to pay. The search for wisdom will cost us 95% of our TV time. We don't have to be told how TV has invaded our homes, and filled our minds

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with a brand of pistol-toting and bang-bang killings we oldsters have tried to outlive and forget. Conjunctively it will cost us our radio listening (which we can easily do without) while awarding is with a quietness we seem to have forgotten.

The reason we are bringing up the discussion of these modern necessities(?) is to point out our enemies—enemies to our greater being—enemies of wisdom. We bring it up too, at this time, when the Fall season is pointing many happy footsteps to our wonderful Lodge rooms.

Many lodges are worried about lodge attendance. "What's happened?" They ask. "Time was when the lodge rooms were filled every lodge night". What HAS happened?" If we are willing to face the facts, we don't have to look far. We know the answers.

If we know the answers, what are we going to do about it? Our wonderful little publication The Orphan's Friend and Masonic Journal, in August carried an editorial by that great Mason Brother Leon Godown, titled "Honor to Whom Honor is Due". He wrote of rightfully honoring some unsung servants of Masonry, as an item of increasing interest in lodge attendance. It's a very good suggestion and we hope it serves to set fire to some other good old black-powder ideas. We love Masonic banquets. We love hot coffee and cakes at refreshment time. A lot of rich, warm fraternalism can pass over coffee cups.

There is a strange thing about human nature. A man wants to get his money's worth. Whether this be in his lodge or his church, it is still true. Another truism is that a man is willing to pay for what he wants. There is a saying in salesmanship that if a man wants something, and wants it bad enough, he pays for it whether or not he ever gets it. While we are thinking over that one, lets get back to our subject of wisdom.

The composite wisdom of the ages is peacefully reposing in the center of our own lodge room. Are we willing to pay for earth's greatest wisdom? Are we willing to get our money's worth many times over? Well, if you've read this far, hang on!

Let's get the best bible scholar in town—our minister, or our Rabbi. Let's get the third man, and get started. We once met a man whom we thought was an excellent bible scholar and we asked him how he became one. He smiled and said "Three of you sit around a table and begin".

Don't worry, there'll be others wanting to join in, but every time you get three, you have a new class. Even though we think we know a minimum of bible, we have had the experience of seeing the great realizations of Masonry unfold into an orient of beauty far surpassing any reward we had ever expected or about which we had ever dreamed.

Any man who diligently seeks wisdom will find it. So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom."

Not only will all these things be ours, but of a certainty, as wisdom grows within our being, our lodge and our church will take the first place in our hearts, our hopes, our plans and our giving.

Furthermore, no walled city; no fortified gates; no army with banners can keep us from going in to our lodge or coming out from it, filled; For of an ancient heritage we are Freemasons; And so mote it ever be!

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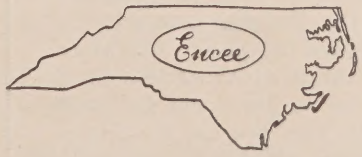

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PROFICIENCY: WHAT IS IT?

Over and over again, the true inquisitor asks of the Mason: "Has he obtained proficiency?" Just what does it mean to be proficient in Masonry? Certainly it is obvious to any well-thinker that to be proficient not only implies a knowledge of the work or even an ability to pass the so-called "proficiency test"! The Dictionary gives us a true hint. "Proficiency: well-versed or skilled in any business, art, science, accomplishment, or exercise; competent; adept." One readily recognizes, therefore, that something more is needed beyond the mere advancement through the several degrees before one can truly be a Mason. I sometimes wonder what would happen in our noble craft if a waiting period was required between degrees. (Sounds absurd, doesn't it . . . especially when we sometimes get over-anxious over numbers! Whether there be wisdom or no in this contention, we all must agree that a Mason be proficient in the real sense of the word.

May I make a few suggestions which I feel to be practical as we face this searching question? I certainly need to ask myself these questions. It may be that they can be helpful to you, my brethren. In the atmosphere of proficiency some tests do yield dependable judgments. First, the test of the Trestleboard. Would I be willing to have the entire Craft know the thing I propose to do? Is the motive, act, or ambition one that I would be willing to place as a design on the Trestleboard to be read and followed by all other craftsmen? Unless I am willing to do a thing openly I had best not do it at all. Unless the foundations are substantial the building is in vain.

Secondly, if all Masons do this thing. Could the rule of my life be the rule of life for the entire craft without disaster? Yet, behold the disaster wrought by some assumptions of men: "Highway laws are good things for those who don't really know how to drive, but for good drivers like me they are not so strictly observed!" Then we wrap a perfectly good car around a tree! Proper rest and the lack of strain and stress are necessary for those who have a weak constitution, but I am different." Then we end up with a breakdown! "Taking liberties in the moral life is not bad for me. I can stop anytime I want to do so."

Clyde G. McCarver, 32°

Then man finds himself a broken mass! There are no exceptions, my brothers. If it cannot become universal for the Craft it is not right for me.

Third, my imposed test on others. There never was a day of double standards for the true Mason. That which he condemns in others by law, imposition, or attitude ought to be condemned in his own life also. To invite another to enter the chamber of reflection demands that we go with him into the same chamber! Confucius once said "Do not do to others what you do not want others to do to you." This applies in the real of opinions, attitudes, prejudices, as well as the singular act.

Finally, there is the test of the highest potential within myself. Could I imagine myself by the highest that imagine myself measure myself by the highest that I know? Am I attaining the highest that my potential will allow? Am I competent and adept in living? The real me is not the "me" that I see when I stand to recite the precepts and principles of Masonry. The real "me" that person who has become a part of the art and allowed that art to become a part of me. Therefore, the real person that I am is not so much the person that is seen by his neighbor, nor the person I think myself to be; but, the person that I can become. The Master of the Royal Secret is the man who is aware of the secret and gives his life in the search for the true meaning.

Have you made suitable proficiency in the degrees? If not, why not? To keep the apron spotless from the things that soil; to read the designs of the Master Builder; to make true designs on my personal trestleboard: This is proficiency. When there are no true designs on the trestleboard, when there are craftsmen who are not at their true labors; when the workmen are missing —then confusion reigns within the temple! When a man prepared his heart, mind, and soul as fit stones for the Builders use; then, the temple is on the way to completion. Ours is to work until the tools shall fall from our lifeless grasp. Ours is to labor until we have a right to hear from Him who reigns supreme "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joys of thy Lord." **So Mote It Be!**

General Sullivan, a Mason, made 80 of his command members on a hill near Elmira, N. Y. Some 70 Masons who died in this war are buried facing East in a cow pasture.

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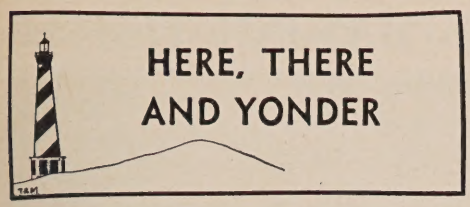

DOWN ONSLOW WAY

By Reynold Davenport, 32°, K.C.C.H.

DOWN ONSLOW WAY there is an outstanding fellow named W. A. S. (Steve) Aman. Steve is well known in Scottish Rite circles; he became a Prince of the Royal Secret twenty years ago, just one month after becoming a Master Mason. He has been a member of the 26° team for twelve years, and he has done such an outstanding job thereon that it is commonplace to overhear brethren at Reunion time reminding each other not to miss "Steve Aman's degree."

The reason Steve is in this column this month is to let the brethren in the Consistory know that the old rascal finally got what was coming to him. On May 15th LaFayette Lodge No. 83, the older of the two Jacksonville lodges, bestowed a Life Membership upon Steve. The good brethren of LaFayette thereby rewarded a most deserving Mason. Steve's record speaks for itself.

Raised in October of 1942, Steve was elected to the West in 1943, to the East in 1944 and again in 1945. A lesser Mason would have had all he could handle under such circumstances, but not Steve. That worthy found time to become a certified lecturer in April 1943, just six months after he was raised and only four months after assuming the West.

We modern day certified lecturers may think it is pretty tough getting certified nowadays, but we have a cinch compared to what Steve had in '43. Most of the work had to be learned mouth-to-ear in those days, and there just were not any lecturers in Onslow for Steve to turn to. So he had to go to New Bern and Wilmington for all his instruction, except for two occasions when Brother Percy Stott visited Jacksonville and helped him a great deal.

Being the first Mason in Onslow to certify, Steve has had a real big hand in the making of every certified lecturer the county has since produced. All of them, plus hundreds of candidates for the several degrees, plus scores of lodge officers plus many members of degree teams, have beat a well-worn path to Steve's door; seeking instruction. All of them found it.

Steve is particularly well known in the smaller lodges in southeastern North Carolina. When one of them needs help the call always goes out for Steve Aman. They know he will round up a carload or two of interested Masons and come to the rescue. One such lodge, Seaside No. 429 in Swansboro, displayed its affection and appreciation by electing Steve to honorary membership several years ago.

DOWN ONSLOW WAY we are proud of Steve Aman, and we know that New Bern Consistory is, too. We consider it an honor and privilege to have the opportunity to salute this fine Mason.

The Onslow - Lejeune Scottish Rite Club held its summer meeting at the Duchess Restaurant on July 9. Vice-president "Smoky Joe" Flowers presided during the first part of the meeting until President Ed Rader, who was unavoidably detained, arrived on the scene.

At this meeting we were honored to have Brothers Charlie Seifert, 33°, Harry MacDonald, 32° KCCH, and William C. Moore, 33°, as our guests.

There is no secret about what Brother Charlie wanted—he wanted candidates for November, and he made a real strong appeal for them. (Personally, I think it might be a mistake to ever get Brother Charlie his two hundred candidates. He might quit!!)

Brother MacDonald made a brief but inspiring talk on Scottish Rite Masonry. He reminded those present of the extreme value of what we have in Scottish Masonry to offer the Master Mason, and urged the club members to emphasize these values at all times.

Brother Moore enlightened the club on plans for the November Reunion which will honor Brother Robert Lee Pugh, 33°, Class Lecturer. He pointed out the need for all non-farming elements in the Consistory to work especially hard for candidates in an effort to offset the losses which might result from the wide-spread crop failures.

Onslow-Lejeune Masons will certainly work a little harder in order to honor Brother "Bob" properly, and our guests were impressed by the air of enthusiasm evident at this meeting.

Plans were begun for a Ladies' Night Party to be held in Jacksonville City Hall on October 18, and all members were urged to assist Brother George Roberts in making this the most successful party yet.

Otherwise, only routine business was transacted, but President Rader urged all members to be present for election of officers at our fall meeting, which will be called in October.

"AN UNDERSTANDING HEART"

By E. P. Blair, 33°

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bounds. One of the great assets of this entire area, and as for that matter an asset to our entire State, is the Sea Level Community Hospital with its efficient staff. I am indebted to our affable, able and genial Brother and outstanding physician there, Dr. Herbert Webb, for the basis of my contribution to this issue of the BAGPIPE. On mentioning the fact recently to him that I was in need of inspiration for this pleasant task, he told me of a statement by a great doctor that interested him very much. "In the treatment of modern ills today one needs 30% mind and 70% heart."

Indeed when we ponder over the ills of our time and see our mental hospitals over crowded; when there are so many troubled souls, puzzled minds and aching hearts all around us in need of care, affection and counsel, "an understanding heart" is of the utmost importance. This phrase is applicable to all people, and most particularly to all Masons. Scottish Rite Masons hear testimony to the excellence of our doctrines and the incalculable value of our institution itself. We are continually admonished to open wide our hearts to all people but opening for some and closing its portals to another.

Our own immortal Albert Pike puts it this way in the Thirty-First Degree—"In the spiritual world, the world of human consciousness there is also a law and ideal made of action for the spiritual forces of man. The law of justice is as universal as the law of attraction. The Lark has the same right in our view to live, to sing, to dart at pleasure through the ambient atmosphere as the Hawk has to ply his strong wings in the summer sunshine! Justice, then demands that you and I as Scottish Rite Masons must play a part in that justice. The difficulty with many of us is that we erect our own notions of what is right and just into the law of justice and insist that God adopt it as his law; instead of striving to learn by observation and reflection what His law really is. God has made necessary among mankind a division of labor, intellectual and moral. He has made necessary the varied relations of society. He has created in each one of us bundles of possibilities; to do, to give, to serve, to share and to care. These are the attributes of an understanding heart. We need desperately to put it to work with the people around us.

What is thus made necessary cannot possibly be unjust for if it be, then God Himself the great Lawgiver is Himself unjust. If we faithfully use this God given faculty of an understanding heart, applying it to the existing relations and circumstances of our time, developing its kindred powers, we can surely erase many of the troubled souls and aching hearts of our people, bringing hope where there is no hope and faith where there is no faith. Men and women everywhere by so doing can find a deep permanent and instinctive delight in having developed an understanding heart, not only in the outward effects that we can see, but in the inward sense that we can feel, in the knowledge that we have been a source of comfort to those with whom we come in contact. Yes, even a friendly pat on the back, a sympathetic tear, a friendly word might make the next hour move a little more swiftly and a little happier to the person to whom it was given. It could in the real sense of the word hold the balance between nation and nation, man and man, and men and his family.

"This we must do if we believe that God is just. We must do justice to all and ask it of all; it is a universal human debt, a universal human claim." This is our faith and doctrine.

The best place to start in this business of having an understanding heart is within ourselves. We can by its own use within us rekindle the flame that may have burned out in our neighbors. Surely they can see in us the value of its use. We can raise the tone of the society about us with its use just as we can degrade the level of society about us by its total absence. There is not a one of us that is now living up to the full measure of the dignity and the glory with which we were created by the Supreme Architect. We can all be just a little bit bigger and a little bit better than we are now.

The time to start is now. Yesterday is gone forever, not one single moment can we recall. Who can summons a single flower to bloom until its due time of fruition? Tomorrow has not yet arrived, it is locked from our sight. God alone has the key. Thus the only remaining time to start developing an understanding heart is now.

The physician in his article has food for us all when he said, "today we need thirty per cent mind and seventy per cent heart."

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LaFAYETTE LODGE NO. 83

Cheney Avenue

JACKSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

8:00 P. M.

MARCH 31, 1962

A BRIEF HISTORY OF LaFAYETTE LODGE

LaFayette Lodge No. 83 was chartered December 6, 1850, under Grand Master William F. Collins. The Lodge grew from a handful of members to a membership of 329. Our present temple located on Cheney Avenue was started on June 1, 1954, under John G. Stanley. We began meeting in our New Temple on May 24, 1955, which was not complete, at that date. Grady W. Gillenwater was architect. The building committee consisted of Garell Moser, Ronald Boyd, Leon Justice, Manley Morton, Will Pierce, Art Innis, Hubert Eastwood, Lester Gould and W. C. Bryan.

PROGRAM

Call to Order ---------- James W. Brewer
Grand Master of Masons of N. C.

Scripture

Solo ---------- "Open the Gates to the Temple
Mrs. Shirleen King

Dedicatory Service

Solo ---------- "Bless This House"
Mrs. Shirleen King

Address ---------- James W. Brewer, G.M.

Solo ---------- "Lord's Prayer"
Mrs. Shirleen King

Visitors Will be Excused

Pianist ---------- Mrs. Kate Trivette

Ushers ---------- Onslow Assembly No. 42
Rainbow Girls

Refreshments ---------- Service Star Chapter 225
Eastern Star

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Front row: Leonard Suls, Treasurer; David A. Lausterer, Senior Warden; Roscoe D. Sandlin, Master; Charles W. Summerlin, Junior Warden; Charles R. Keel, Secretary. Back Row: Joseph S. Lane, C.L., Senior Deacon; John R. Nichols, substituting for Roger G. Russ, Jr., Junior Deacon; William D. Combs, Steward; Wayne F. Watson, Steward; Harley M. Ennett, Jr., Tiler; Rev. David N. Morris, Chaplain.

Left to right—Roscoe D. Sandlin, Master, LaFayette Lodge No. 83; Herman G. Alberti, P.M.; Charles C. Ricker, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of N.C.; R. L. Pugh, PGM; Charles Newcomb, PGM and Secretary of the Grand Lodge of N. C.

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HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN NEW BERN

(Continued from Cover 2)

with which Mr. Bradham had affiliated in 1892.

During the year 1934 Judge Shepard Bryan of Atlanta, Ga., who had been a member of the local lodge, presented a handsome bronze tablet commemorating the 150th anniversary of the lodge. Past Master John H. Parker was named chairman of a committee, with the assistance of D. L. Latta, to place the marker.

Oscar A. Kafer reported soon afterwards on progress of erecting the cornerstone taken from the old Masonic building, and he was asked to continue his work along that line. W. B. Duncan of the Murch Construction Company, engaged here then in constructing the new Federal building and post office, donated the stone for the purpose.

Robert F. Smallwood, local architect, who was architect for the Federal building, designed the attractive base of granite, concrete and limestone for the original marble cornerstone.

When placed at the entrance of the Masonic Theatre, the cornerstone was given this inscription: "This original cornerstone was laid in the Northeast Corner of This Masonic Temple April 15th, 1801, by St. John's Lodge No. 3, First Chartered January 10th, 1772."

Interest of the lodge and its members in education was retained, as proved by the fact that Past Master Purser represented the organization at a meeting held in Griffin Auditorium of the New Bern schools in November for the purpose of arousing more local interest in education. Mr. Purser made a talk in behalf of educational progress.

Mr. Bunting was reelected Master that December; with Elisha Bunting elevated to the post of senior Warden and Dr. Johnson to that of Junior Warden. Messrs. Boswell and Hibbard were reelected. These were installed January 9, 1935, with E. W. Summerell and W. C. Fulford, Deacons; Past Master Cook and O. A. Kafer, Stewards; and Mr. McGinn, Tiler.

Worshipful Master E. F. Menius of Doric Lodge and others made talks at the installation ceremony. After the business and program, the members and their guests repaired to Lowthrop Hall for refreshments.

The memorial tablet given by Judge Bryan was presented to the lodge by Past Master Parker. Master Bunting appointed Messrs. Kafer, Cook and Parker on a committee to have the marker suitably erected. After due consideration it was decided by the committee to place the marker at the outside entrance of the Masonic Theatre. A. T. Willis and Messrs. Purser and Hibbard were named on a committee to write a letter of thanks to Judge Bryan for his gift.

The marker bears this inscription with the Masonic symbol:

A. F. & A. M.
1772 1922

As a Memorial of the One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of the Founding of St. John's Lodge No. 3, on January 10, 1772. Also to commemorate the Reception by the members of this Lodge of Worshipful Brother George Washington With Masonic Honors on his Visit to New Bern in 1791.

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William Brimage, Sec.

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1934

Carl F. Bunting, Master
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E. H. Bunting, Jr. Warden
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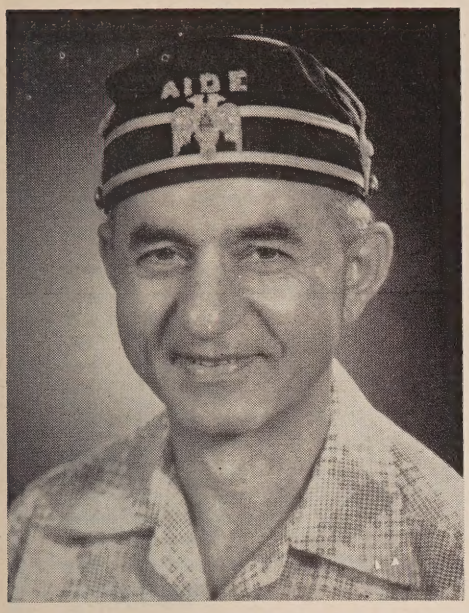

Stelios M. Stelson, 33°

Stelios Stelson feels he owes a debt to the United States, and he's paying it with a one-man, 80-hours-a-week friendship crusade.

Stelios M. Stelson is just one man. He is not a corporation, not a foundation, not even a committee. He has no office, no assistants, no secretary. He solicits no funds, has no backers, and works for a living. Yet, in the last several years, he has probably won more friends for America on evenings and week ends than some agencies that work at the job full time.

Stelson's good-will "embassy" is his one-room, bachelor apartment in Columbus, Ohio. He works in the heavy equipment division at Columbus General Depot during the day, but at most other times—Sundays and holidays included—he can be found seated at his kitchen table, reading or answering stacks of letters from several different countries. (His postman says he must get more mail than President Kennedy.)

This 80-hours-a-week, one man mission in international friendship started modestly enough. The fact that it has grown indicates to Stelson that there's a need for it. He hopes others will interest themselves in similar projects, and he admits that sometimes he could use a little help himself.

Take the book project, for example.

It was in 1956 that Stelson got the idea of collecting books for Japan. While serving as a civilian member of the U. S. security forces there, he noticed that Communist books in English were plentiful but that American books were hard to find. He solicited the aid of his friends back home (Durham, North Carolina), who responded by sending 2,500 books. These he gave to the Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education, for distribution to junior and senior high schools.

Returning to the United States in 1959, he was appointed chairman of the North Carolina VFW Americanism Committee, and his first project was to collect more books. Soon, they started coming in by the boxful, and they're still coming. Stelson has shipped hundreds of books himself, but they've arrived faster than he could afford to ship them. Right now, he has more than 13,000 books stored in Durham and another 1,300 in the basement of the Greek Orthodox Church in Columbus. He estimates it may take years to ship them all, and anybody who'd like to help out is welcome to do so.

Quite early in the book project, Stelson conceived the idea of an art exchange between American and Japanese grade schools. This, too, has grown to unexpected proportions. More than 2,100 paintings and drawings have been shipped to him by Japanese students, and through his efforts a total of 62 elementary schools here and in Japan have exchanged student art works. He has also supplied Japanese paintings for a special exhibit at the Columbus Gallery of Fine Arts. Quite often, schools taking part in the art exchange will also establish a pen pal program, through which students in both countries develop lasting friendships.

Independent of the art exchange project. Stelson now conducts a pen pal program on a global scale. Letters from persons seeking American pen pals arrive daily. He screens each letter and forwards it to someone in this country who is of the same age or has the same interests. He has no idea how many persons he has "introduced" in this way, but between last October 1 and November 30 he received more than 500 letters from West German students alone.

Stelson's greatest concern at the moment is to get his 15,000 books shipped to Japan. He knows the books are wanted and needed by many schools, and the response to books already sent has been most favorable.

"I am very much impressed," wrote one Japanese student, "by your ardent desire and firm conviction for the promotion of the mutual understanding and friendship between our two nations."

Wrote another: "I was deeply moved by your noble and cordial plan and action. We are very grateful for your books."

Stelson has many letters saying essentially the same thing. He is also heartened by headlines like the one that appeared above a story on the art exchange in the **Mainichi Daily News**: "Exchange of Children's Pictures Strengthening Japan-US Ties." The story included a reproduction of a tempera picture by a second-grader in a High Point, North Carolina, school.

Stelson plans to continue all his projects as long as he can, and maybe add more if time and finances permit. His reason is quite simple. He and his mother came to the United States from Turkey in 1920, and he feels that he owes the country a debt.

"I came here as a refugee, with nothing but a tag," he explained. "I found this is the best country in the world. I want to help the people overseas to learn what I have learned about America. I do this for my country."

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June 1962 Minutes

Note: The above is an article regarding Brother Stelios M. Stelson, 32°, member of the New Bern Consistory who is doing a wonderful work "making friends for America". Brother Stelson would like to suggest that anyone writing concerning the above send enough postage for an answer, as his mail is very heavy at the present time.

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Symbolic lessons there we learned
Brought back from ages old.
My life before me became bared
And I unworthy felt
To take those obligations at
The altar where I knelt.
My mind ashamed, my cheeks tear stained
They kept me on the march
Conferring degrees on me till
I reached the Royal Arch.
Each time again we all climbed stairs
At least ten times a day
I'd never know that climbing stairs
Could earn such matchless pay
Each time I climbed up to my seat
To sit and kneel and stand
I came back down those flights of stairs
An humbled, better man.
Vowing that I never would
No never would again
Be so thoughtless that I would
Take His name in vain
Three days for which I'm thankful
Three days in which to see
Ways and means to make myself
The man that I should be.
It brought to me just one regret
So late in my life's span
That I did not these lessons learn
As a much younger man.

VANNIE L. HUGHEY, 32°
Garrason A. Farrow Class, 1961

The American flag was made by a Mason's wife in the home of a Mason and was ordered by a Mason. It was ordered by Gen. George Washington; it was made by Betsy Ross, whose husband was a member of St. John's Lodge of Philadelphia.

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In the weaver's skillful hand,
As the threads of gold and silver.
For the pattern which He planned.

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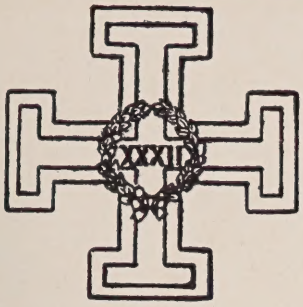

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